

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Trust for Thomas Edison & Henry Ford Winter Estates, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2350 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Description of Request: The requested funding will be utilized for the restoration of the Edison and Ford Estates research laboratory. Amount: \$142,500

IN RECOGNITION OF SOCCER TEAM
AT URSULINE ACADEMY OF DAL-
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HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to proudly recognize the soccer team at Ursuline Academy of Dallas on winning the prestigious TAPPS 5A State Championship title for the 19th consecutive year.

At the Mata Stadium in San Antonio, Ursuline and Nolan Catholic High School of Fort Worth battled for the State Championship title for the eighth consecutive year. In this final game, Ursuline successfully defended its title with a score of 2 to 1. Both goals were scored in the first half by Sophie Campise. Led by Head Coach Jamie Cantrell, these young ladies committed themselves to a tradition of winning and dedicated countless hours practicing to hone their ability to perform as a team. This prestigious title of State Champion speaks loudly of their discipline and hard work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to the members of the soccer team for their well deserved victory. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit how I would have voted on March 9, 2009, when I was tending to a family commitment, for which the timing was not flexible.

Had I voted, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall No. 110; "yes" on rollcall No. 111; "yes" on rollcall No. 111.

IN CELEBRATION OF EBBY
HALLIDAY'S 98TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a true Dallas icon and a legendary woman that has changed the real estate industry, Ebby Halliday Acers. She cele-

brates her ninety-eighth birthday on March 9th.

Ebby first arrived in Dallas in 1938 and soon after owned and ran her own boutique called Ebby's Hats. After being approached by a developer in 1945, Ebby went from selling hats to selling houses. Together with her beloved husband, Maurice Acers, Ebby Halliday Realtors was founded. The company's inventory began with fifty-two houses on the old Walnut Hill Golf Course in North Dallas, but has steadily grown year after year into one of the most successful and widely recognized real estate firms in the country. Aside from her entrepreneurial spirit, her success can be attributed to the great care and attention she gives to her employees and agents as well as her buyers. This personal touch includes nurturing talent as well as meeting with new employees, making them feel welcomed. Over the course of her career she has received numerous awards such as the Horatio Alger Award in 2005 and the Visionary Award from Foundation Fighting Blindness and the Linz Award in 2008.

Aside from her professional achievements, Ebby is also known for her philanthropic spirit. She has generously given of her time and effort in addition to monetary contributions. Many nonprofit organizations and causes such as St. Paul Medical Center, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and the Communities Foundation of Texas have benefitted greatly from her love for and dedication to her community. There is no doubt that the great City of Dallas is a better place because of her.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our heartfelt congratulations to Ebby as she celebrates her ninety-eighth birthday. I wish Ebby many more years of health, happiness, and prosperity. May we all strive to have the same generosity and dedication that she exemplifies.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE NEWS
FOR 100 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
IN JOURNALISM

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the State News at Michigan State University as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

The State News was founded in 1909 as the Holcad in order to defend the Michigan Agricultural College against a series of articles and critical remarks published in the Lansing Journal. In 1925, as the Michigan Agricultural College changed its name to Michigan State College, the Holcad became the Michigan State News. In 1971, the State News became a 501(c)3 organization, run independently of the university.

Each year, the State News employs hundreds of students, training them in the areas of reporting, photography, design, and advertising that are critical to a career in journalism. Throughout its 100 years, the State News has served as a way for students to connect to each other on campus, voice opinions, and act as a watchdog for the East Lansing community.

Madam Speaker, a commitment to journalism is the foundation for creating a more in-

formed citizen body. I wish to extend my gratitude to The State News for its achievements, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing its 100 years in serving the East Lansing community as a successful student-run newspaper.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately on Friday March 6, 2009, I was unable to cast my votes on Approving the Journal, the Motion to Recommit on H.J. Res. 38, and H.J. Res. 38 and wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 107, on Approving the Journal, I would have voted "aye".

Had I been present for rollcall No. 108, on the Motion to Recommit on H.J. Res. 38, the Continuing Resolution, extending it through the end of Fiscal Year 2009, I would have voted "aye".

Had I been present for rollcall No. 109, on passing H.J. Res. 38, the Continuing Resolution through March 11, 2009, I would have voted "nay". It is high time we buckled down and got our work done in a timely fashion and in an open and transparent process. This Omnibus Appropriations bill is long overdue, but at the same time we should not be throwing a bill on the House floor that has been cobbled together by a select few Democrats behind closed doors. The result is what we witnessed in the Senate where it could not pass by the time the current CR expired and the need arose to pass another short term CR through March 11, 2009. This process needs reform and it is my hope that the FY2010 Appropriations process will move under regular order and by the start of the new fiscal year on October 1, 2009.

IN RECOGNITION OF J.L. LONG
MIDDLE SCHOOL CELEBRATING
ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor J.L. Long Middle School in Dallas, Texas which will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on April 2, 2009.

Initially established as the second junior high school in Dallas, J.L. Long first opened its doors to 550 students in 1933. Over the course of its history, this school has educated thousands of bright young minds, providing them with a firm foundation for success. In 2006, its student body expanded to include sixth graders. The J.L. Long science team was named state champion in the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years while the math team consistently placed in the top six in the state for the past several years. Aside from its many academic accomplishments, J.L. Long Middle School boasts an impressive history and record of parental involvement. The Works